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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:  
1, 6-8, 18, 19, 24 (completely); 4, 9-10, 10-17, 24 (partially)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1, 4 in part, 6-8, 9-10 in part, 13-17 in part, 18, 19, 24 in part

Use of ADAM 12 protein or a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid with a sequence of ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid with a sequence of ADAM 12, and ii) detecting the binding of the nucleic acid; or the use of a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid with a sequence of ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid with a sequence of ADAM 12; or use of a nucleic acid molecule with a sequence of ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome.

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2. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-10 in part, 11, 12, 13-17 in part, 20-28 in part

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand; or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12; a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition. Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is a disintegrin domain metalloproteinase inhibitors, in particular KB-R7785 or a derivative thereof.

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3. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20-28 in part

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12;  
 a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition. Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is a TIMP, in particular TIMP-1, TIMP-2, or TIMP-3.

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4. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part, 23-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12.  
 Wherein the ligand is IGFBP-3 or IGFBP-5.

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5. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part, 23-28 in part

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is HB-EGF.

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## 6. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12; a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition. Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is alpha2-macroglobulin.

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## 7. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part, 23-28 in part



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Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is PKC-delta.

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8. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part, 23-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is alpha-actinin or alpha-actinin-2.

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9. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part, 23-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
 or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is src.

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10. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part,  
23-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is Grb-2.

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11. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part,  
23-28 in part

Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12. Wherein the ligand is syndecan-4.

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12. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20-28 in part

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Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;  
or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12;  
a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition. Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is an antibody, or the ligand is a nucleic acid or protein aptamer.

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13. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part,  
23-28 in part

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Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand; or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12; a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition.  
Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is P-LAP.

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14. claims: 2-5 in part, 9-17 in part, 20 in part, 21 in part,  
23-28 in part

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Use of a ligand binding specifically to ADAM 12 for diagnosis of preeclampsia or related syndrome; or a method for the identification of ligands binding specifically to ADAM 12 comprising contacting ADAM 12 with at least one candidate for a ligand, and ii) measuring the binding of the candidate for a ligand to ADAM 12; or a method for diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome comprising: i) bringing a biopsy or bodily fluid sample in contact with a specifically binding ligand to ADAM 12 and ii) detecting the binding of ligand;

or the use of a ligand binding to ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a diagnostic for the diagnosis of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or a diagnostic or a diagnostic kit containing a ligand binding to ADAM 12; or use of an inhibitor of the biological activity ADAM 12 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of preeclampsia or a related syndrome; or use of ADAM 12 for the identification of an inhibitor of ADAM 12;

a method for identification of an inhibitor of the biological activity of ADAM 12 comprising: i) contacting ADAM 12 with a suitable substrate, and ii) measuring the decrease in processing of the substrate in the presence as compared to the absence of a candidate for an inhibitor molecule; a method for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition wherein an inhibitor of ADAM 12 synthesized in adequate amounts, and formulated into a pharmaceutical composition.

Wherein the ligand or inhibitor is not comprised in the above-mentioned subjects 1-13.

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